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SUBJECT: CHINA DEFERS TO GAMBARI ON TIMING OF RETURN VISIT  
TO BURMA

REF: STATE 144434

Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Aubrey Carlson, Reasons 1.4  
(b/d).

1. (C) Poloff conveyed reftel points October 16 to United Nations Affairs Division Deputy Director Yao Shaojun. Yao said China supports UN Special Envoy Ibrahim Gambari's returning quickly to Burma, but "respects the judgment" of the UN Secretary-General and Special Envoy Gambari with regard to the exact timing. Yao stated that Gambari seeks broad international support before returning to Burma, and these visits in the region will assist his "good offices." Deputy Director Yao said Gambari will visit China in the October 23-25 timeframe, but he did not have an exact date. Randt